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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method for controlling the collection, manipulation and storage of network performance data and network event data of a network with service assurance capabilities, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) receiving an activation signal;
 - (b) transmitting a first signal to initiate ~~retrieving~~ retrieval of network performance data and network event data, wherein the network performance and network event data are generated from at least one network monitor a network-monitor that monitoring monitors a network system and ~~the~~ then relocates ~~relocating~~ of the data into a common directory; and
 - (c) transmitting a second signal to initiate the manipulation of the data and the loading of the manipulated data into a database;
 - (d) transmitting a third signal to initiate a clean archive program for deleting files from an archive directory;
 - (e) transmitting a fourth signal to initiate a table extract program for extracting data from tables stored in the database;
 - (f) transmitting a fifth signal to initiate a trigger reporting program for generating reports;
 - (g) transmitting a sixth signal to initiate a purge record program for deleting records from the database; and
 - (h) transmitting a seventh signal to initiate a database backup program for backing up data stored on the database.

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2. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising: initiating a
~~wherein the signal to initiate the manipulating and storing of the data initiates a controller~~
~~program that transmits a signal to initiate the manipulation of the data.~~

3. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the controller program
transmits a an eighth signal to initiate calculation of statistics from the data.

4. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 3, wherein the controller program
transmits a ninth signal to initiate assigning of key codes to the data.

5. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the controller program
transmits a tenth signal to initiate sorting of the data.

6. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 5, wherein the controller program
transmits a an eleventh signal to initiate concatenating of the data.

7. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 6, wherein the controller program
transmits a twelfth signal to initiate loading of the data into the database.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable
medium for controlling the collection, manipulation and storage of network performance
data and network event data of a network with service assurance capabilities, comprising:

(a) a code segment for receiving an activation signal;

(b) a code segment for transmitting a first signal to initiate ~~the retrieving~~ retrieval of
network performance data and network event data, wherein the network performance and
network event data are generated from at least one network monitor a network-monitor

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~~that monitoring monitors~~ a network system and ~~the then relocates~~ ~~relocating of the data~~
into a common directory; and

(c) a code segment for transmitting a second signal to initiate the manipulation of the data and the loading of the manipulated data into a database;

(d) a code segment for transmitting a third signal to initiate a clean archive program for deleting files from an archive directory;

(e) a code segment for transmitting a fourth signal to initiate a table extract program for extracting data from tables stored in the database;

(f) a code segment for transmitting a fifth signal to initiate a trigger reporting program for generating reports;

(g) a code segment for transmitting a sixth signal to initiate a purge record program for deleting records from the database; and

(h) a code segment for transmitting a seventh signal to initiate a database backup program for backing up data stored on the database.

10. (Currently amended) A computer program as recited in claim 9, further comprising: initiating a wherein the signal to initiate the manipulating and storing of the data initiates a controller program that transmits a signal to initiate the manipulation of the data.

11. (Currently amended) A computer program as recited in claim 10, wherein the controller program transmits a an eighth signal to initiate calculation of statistics from the data.

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12. (Currently amended) A computer program as recited in claim 11, wherein the controller program transmits a ninth signal to initiate assigning of key codes to the data.

13. (Currently amended) A computer program as recited in claim 12, wherein the controller program transmits a tenth signal to initiate sorting of the data.

14. (Currently amended) A computer program as recited in claim 13, wherein the controller program transmits a an eleventh signal to initiate concatenating of the data.

15. (Currently amended) A computer program as recited in claim 14, wherein the controller program transmits a twelfth signal to initiate loading of the data into the database.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) A system for controlling the collection, manipulation and storage of network performance data and network event data of a network with service assurance capabilities, comprising:

(a) logic for receiving an activation signal;

(b) logic for transmitting a first signal to initiate ~~retrieving~~ retrieval of network performance data and network event data, wherein the network performance and network event data are generated from at least one network monitor a network-monitor that monitoring monitors a network system and the then relocates ~~relocating~~ of the data into a common directory; ~~and~~

(c) logic for transmitting a second signal to initiate the manipulation of the data and the loading of the manipulated data into a database;

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(d) logic for transmitting a third signal to initiate a clean archive program for deleting files from an archive directory;

(e) logic for transmitting a fourth signal to initiate a table extract program for extracting data from tables stored in the database;

(f) logic for transmitting a fifth signal to initiate a trigger reporting program for generating reports;

(g) logic for transmitting a sixth signal to initiate a purge record program for deleting records from the database; and

(h) logic for transmitting a seventh signal to initiate a database backup program for backing up data stored on the database.

18. (Currently amended) A system as recited in claim 17, further comprising: logic for initiating a ~~wherein the signal to initiate the manipulating and storing of the data initiates a~~ controller program ~~that transmits a signal to initiate the manipulation of the data.~~

19. (Currently amended) A system as recited in claim 18, wherein the controller program transmits ~~a~~ an eighth signal to initiate the calculation of statistics from the data.

20. (Currently amended) A system as recited in claim 19, wherein the controller program transmits a ninth signal to initiate assigning of key codes to the data.